

PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING - BLOCK**GRANT AMENDMENTS**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Sheryl L. Allen

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Minimum School Program Act by requiring appropriations for certain block grant programs to increase annually by the percentage increase in the value of the weighted pupil unit.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- requires the Legislature, subject to future budget constraints, to annually increase appropriations for the Local Discretionary Block Grant Program, Interventions for Student Success Block Grant Program, and Quality Teaching Block Grant Program by the percentage increase in the value of the weighted pupil unit.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53A-17a-123, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 320

53A-17a-123.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 320

53A-17a-124, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 320



Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53A-17a-123** is amended to read:

53A-17a-123. Local Discretionary Block Grant Program -- State contribution.

(1) The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated for the Local Discretionary Block Grant Program in Section 53A-17a-104 to school districts and charter schools according to a formula adopted by the board, after consultation with school districts and charter schools, that allocates the funding in a fair and equitable manner.

(2) Schools districts and charter schools shall use Local Discretionary Block Grant monies for:

(a) maintenance and operation costs;

(b) capital outlay; or

(c) debt service.

(3) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall annually increase the money appropriated for the Local Discretionary Block Grant Program by the percentage increase in the value of the weighted pupil unit.

Section 2. Section **53A-17a-123.5** is amended to read:

53A-17a-123.5. Interventions for Student Success Block Grant Program -- State contribution.

(1) The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated for the Interventions for Student Success Block Grant Program in Section 53A-17a-104 to school districts and charter schools according to a formula adopted by the board, after consultation with school districts and charter schools, that allocates the funding in a fair and equitable manner.

(2) Schools districts and charter schools shall use Interventions for Student Success Block Grant monies to improve student academic success, with priority given to interventions on behalf of students not performing to standards as determined by U-PASS test results.

(3) (a) Each school district shall develop a plan for the expenditure of Interventions for Student Success Block Grant monies.

(b) The plan:

(i) shall specify anticipated results; and

(ii) may include continuing existing programs to improve students' academic success for which funds were appropriated before the establishment of the block grant.

(c) The local school board shall approve the plan for the expenditure of the block grant monies in an open public meeting before the monies are spent.

(4) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall annually increase the money appropriated for the Interventions for Student Success Block Grant Program by the percentage increase in the value of the weighted pupil unit.

Section 3. Section **53A-17a-124** is amended to read:

53A-17a-124. Quality Teaching Block Grant Program -- State contributions.

(1) The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated for the Quality Teaching Block Grant Program in Section 53A-17a-104 to school districts and charter schools according to a formula adopted by the board, after consultation with school districts and charter schools, that allocates the funding in a fair and equitable manner.

(2) (a) Schools districts and charter schools shall use Quality Teaching Block Grant monies to implement school and school district comprehensive, long-term professional development plans required by Section 53A-3-701.

(b) In recognition of exceptional quality teaching, Quality Teaching Block Grant monies may be used for the award of individual Quality Teaching Bonuses for Exemplary Teachers to recognize and reward excellence in classrooms as determined by school principals in partnership with their school community councils.

(3) Each local school board shall:

(a) as provided by Section 53A-3-701, review and either approve or recommend modifications for each school's comprehensive, long-term professional development plan within the district so that each school's plan is compatible with the district's comprehensive, long-term professional development plan; and

(b) in an open public meeting, approve a plan to spend Quality Teaching Block Grant monies to implement the school district's comprehensive, long-term professional development plan.

(4) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall annually increase the money appropriated for the Quality Teaching Block Grant Program by the percentage increase in the value of the weighted pupil unit.

90 Section 4. **Effective date.**
91 This bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

This bill would require annual appropriation increases to three public education block grant programs by the same percentage increase as the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU). Two of the three programs - the Quality Teaching Block Grant and the Interventions for Student Success Block Grant - are currently by practice adjusted proportionally for percent changes in the value of the WPU and would therefore require no additional appropriation.

The third component - the Local Discretionary Block Grant - would require additional appropriations of \$218,200 FOR EVERY ONE PERCENT INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF THE WPU based upon the current value of the block grant. As the bill takes effect on July 1, 2008, there would be no requirement for increasing the Local Discretionary Block Grant during the 2008 General Session (FY 2009). Neither the FY 2009 block grant value, nor the FY 2010 WPU percent adjustment is currently known. For purposes of this fiscal note, the requirement for an increase in FY 2010 is based upon the FY 2008 value of the Local Discretionary Block Grant and a one percent increase in the WPU.

	<u>FY 2008 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2009 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2010 Approp.</u>	<u>FY 2008 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2009 Revenue</u>	<u>FY 2010 Revenue</u>
Uniform School Fund	\$0	\$0	\$218,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$218,200	\$0	\$0	\$0

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

School districts and students who receive funding from the three block grant programs would benefit.
